

# Industry Profile



## 23 Construction

The construction sector comprises establishments primarily engaged in the construction of buildings or engineering projects (e.g., highways and utility systems). Establishments primarily engaged in the preparation of sites for new construction and establishments primarily engaged in subdividing land for sale as building sites also are included in this sector. Construction work done may include new work, additions, alterations, or maintenance and repairs. Activities of these establishments generally are managed at a fixed place of business, but they usually perform construction activities at multiple project sites.

Construction comprises 6.7 percent of all state employment. But construction is an industry sensitive to the volatilities of the business cycle, so this percentage is subject to more variation than any other industry. The construction industry has an average monthly wage of \$2,537, only 3 percent higher than the statewide average for all industries.

### Largest Employers

Big D Construction  
Granite Construction  
Standard Drywall  
Wasatch Electric  
Staker Paving and Construction  
Okland Construction  
Cache Valley Electric  
Great Salt Lake Electric  
Ames Construction  
Daw Incorporated  
Layton Construction  
Taylor Hunt Electric  
Bud Bailey Construction  
Comfort System Intermountain

2001	Employment	Wage*
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,714</b>	<b>\$2,537</b>
<b>Construction of Buildings</b>	<b>16,188</b>	<b>\$2,633</b>
Residential	9,142	\$2,086
Nonresidential	7,046	\$3,343
<b>Heavy and Civil Engineering</b>	<b>9,779</b>	<b>\$3,159</b>
Utility System Construction	3,725	\$2,876
Land Subdivision	832	\$3,495
Highway, Street, and Bridge	4,345	\$3,308
Other Heavy Construction	878	\$3,304
<b>Specialty Trade Contractors</b>	<b>46,747</b>	<b>\$2,374</b>
Building Foundation and Exterior	11,364	\$2,089
Building Equipment	16,087	\$2,857
Building Finishing	11,525	\$2,047
Other Specialty Trade Contractors	7,769	\$2,276

\* Average monthly wage



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## industry history

Year	Employment	Avg. Wage+	% of Utah Avg. Wage	# of Firms	Payrolls	Emp.% of State Total	Payroll % of State Total
2001	72,714	\$2,537	102.7	10,554	\$2,213.8 M	6.7	6.8
2001*	67,115	\$2,431	99.8	10,281	\$489.4 M	6.2	6.1
2002*	63,847	\$2,429	97.6	10,473	\$465.3 M	5.9	5.8

\* First Quarter Data    + Average Monthly Wage

## county Profiles

County	Construction Employment**	% of State Const. Emp.	Const. % of County Total Emp.	Largest Construction Employer
Salt Lake	29,061	46.1	5.4	Big D Construction
Utah	9,457	15.0	6.3	Niels Fugal Sons Company
Davis	6,331	10.1	7.4	Staker Paving
Weber	4,381	7.0	5.1	R and O Construction
Washington	4,226	6.7	11.8	Progressive Contracting
Cache	1,963	3.1	4.6	JM Mechanical
Summit	1,460	2.3	7.9	GearyConstruction
Box Elder	823	1.3	4.8	Assoc. BrighamConstructors
Iron	794	1.3	5.6	Nu West
Tooele	557	0.9	4.8	Broken Arrow Construction

\*\* First Quarter 2002

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